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To the Right Honourable the LORD MAYOR, ALDERMEN, *and* Commons *of the City of* London, *in* Common-Council *assembled.*

IN OBEDIENCE to four ſeveral Orders of this Honourable Court, bearing Date the 20th of *July* and 10th of *February*, 1740; the 24th of *September*, and 12th of *November*, 1741; We whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcribed, Your Committee appointed amongſt others, to examine the ſeveral Accounts of the State of the Revenue of this City, delivered into this Court by Mr. *Chamberlain* from *Michaelmas* 1730, to *Michaelmas* 1740; Do hereby certify, That in Purſuance of Your ſaid Orders, We have met ſeveral times for that Purpoſe; And firſt we have examined the Expences annually incurred at the Courts of *Conſervacy*, and for *Searches* on the River of *Thames*, diſtinguiſhing the particular Expences of each Year, and do find the Amount thereof as follows, that is to ſay,

In the Year	1731,	in the Mayoralty of Mr. Alderman *Parſons*	to £.	1016	00 00
	1732	Sir *Francis Child*		849	12 04
	1733	Mr. Alderman *Barber*		1051	03 10
	1734	Sir *William Billers*		1309	11 11
	1735	Sir *Edward Bellamy*		936	00 11
	1736	Sir *John Williams*		845	11 04
	1737	Sir *John Thompſon*		1023	04 03
	1738	Sir *John Barnard*		751	11 10
	1739	Mr. Alderman *Perry*		1162	08 10
	1740	Sir *John Salter*		1001	11 09

But your Committee beg Leave to obſerve, that Mr. *Leneve* the late *Water Bailiff* hath not delivered in his Bill for the Mayoralty of Sir *John Barnard*, though he hath been ſeveral times applied to for that Purpoſe; ſo that they cannot aſcertain the particular Expences of that Year.

We have alſo examined the *Hall-keeper's* Bills, Audited and directed for Payment by the Court of Aldermen, and likewiſe the *Hall-keeper's* and *Clerk* of this City's Works Bills, Audited and directed for Payment by the Committee for Letting this City's Lands, and other Committees for the ſame time, and find their Amount as follows.

Hall-keeper's *Bills Audited by the Court of Aldermen.*

From *Michaelmas*	1730,	to *Michaelmas*	1731,	to £.	1214	04
From Ditto	1731,	to Ditto	1732,		1173	05
From Ditto	1732,	to Ditto	1733,		1277	04
From Ditto	1733,	to Ditto	1734,		1561	19
From Ditto	1734,	to Ditto	1735,		1537	17
From Ditto	1735,	to Ditto	1736,		1604	08
From Ditto	1736,	to Ditto	1737,		1614	19
From Ditto	1737,	to Ditto	1738,		1713	13
From Ditto	1738,	to Ditto	1739,		1646	09
From Ditto	1739,	to Ditto	1740,		1620	14

Hall-keeper's *Bills Audited by the Committee for Letting this City's Lan*

From *Michaelmas*	1730,	to *Michaelmas*	1731,		231	17
From Ditto	1731,	to Ditto	1732,		256	15
From Ditto	1732,	to Ditto	1733, including his Bill for paſſing the Bill in Parliament for filling up *Fleet-Channel*, amounting to	66 19 11	454	15
From *Michaelmas*	1733,	to *Michaelmas*	1734,		392	18
From Ditto	1734,	to Ditto	1735,		371	10
From Ditto	1735,	to Ditto	1736,		430	10
From Ditto	1736,	to Ditto	1737,		507	00
From Ditto	1737,	to Ditto	1738,		453	00
From Ditto	1738,	to Ditto	1739,		347	17
From Ditto	1739,	to Ditto	1740,		221	02
Clerk of the Works Bill for the ſame Time					18	04

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By the Committee for Lighting the Streets.

Hall-keeper's Bill from the 20th of *Nov.* 1735, to the 4th of *Dec.* 1736	112	02
Clerk of the Works, Bill for meaſuring and drawing Plans	45	08

By the Committee for Regulating the Nightly Watch.

Hall-keeper's Bill	189	17

By the Committee for managing the Markets.

Hall-keeper's Bill from the 1ſt of *Auguſt*, 1737,	to the 1ſt of *Auguſt*, 1738	257	18
Ditto from Ditto	1738,	to the 1ſt of *Auguſt*, 1739	65	05
Ditto from Ditto	1739,	to Ditto 1740	60	00
Clerk of the Works, Bill for Watchmen at *Fleet-market*			55	00

By the Committee for building a Manſion Houſe

Hall-keeper's Bill from the 13th of *March*, 1734,	to the 17th of *June*, 1737	220	03
Ditto from the 17th of *June*, 1737,	to the 6th of *July*, 1739	180	00
Clerk of the Works Bills		31	14

By the Committee to profecuting the Petition in Parliament againſt the Charitable Corporation.

Hall-keeper's Bill from the 19th of *Feb.* 1730, to the 14th of *May*, 1731 to £. 215 00 00

By the Committee to oppoſe the Bridge at Weſtminſter.

Hall keeper's Bill 131 15 09

By the Committee for Entertainment of his Majeſty in 1727.

Hall-keeper's Bill 37 13 06

And your Committee having been attended by Mr. *Chamberlain*, he hath laid before us the following State of the City's Revenue, which upon Examination, appears to be Juſt, and therefore have laid the ſame before this Court.

Your Committee beg Leave to obſerve, that the large Expences of the Courts of *Conſervacy*, are very much owing to the great Quantities of *French* and other Wines, charged at large at exceſſive Prices, and ſeveral other Sums of Money charged on Account of the ſaid Courts of *Conſervacy*, which your Committee are of Opinion, may (conſiſtent with the Honour of this City) be Regulated and Retrenched, as alſo ſome Charges which ſeem very Extravagant, in the Account of the *Water Bailiff*, great part of which, as your Committee Apprehend, may be ſaved and prevented, by proper Regulations, to be made by Mr. *Water Bailiff*'s future Conduct and Behaviour in his Office; and as a Specimen of ſome of thoſe Expences, your Committee have annexed a Bill of each Officers Demand for One Year, whereby the Court may Judge of the Annual Expence.

Your Committee beg Leave further to Obſerve, that the *Hall-keeper*'s Bill, conſiſts of Articles which amount to a very large Sum of Money yearly, two of which they beg Leave to lay before the Court, *viz.* there is charged for Candles for *Guildhall*, from *Michaelmas* 1738, to *Michaelmas* 1739, to £. 162 2 6

For Billets for the ſame Time 290 14 9

And your Committee are of Opinion, that large Sums of Money might be ſaved to this City, were the Billetting and Candles to be furniſhed by a Contract, to be annually made for the ſame, or if Coals were to be Burnt inſtead of ſuch Billetting.

And your Committee beg Leave likewiſe to Obſerve, that moſt, or all of the Bills laid before them conſiſt of Articles, many of which are Superfluous, and others very Exorbitant, but how, and in what Manner, the ſame may be Regulated or Reduced for the Future, we ſubmit to the Judgment of this Honourable Court, this 10th of *February* 1741.

Robert Ladbroke,
William Calvert,
Joſeph Ayliffe,
Edward Ironſide,
Samuel Sedgwick,
Anthony Lucas,
Robert Henſhaw,
Giles Vincent,
William Myers,
Robert Alſop.